

## **FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 09, 2012  
8965 Balboa Avenue, Rm 1-A  
12:00 – 2:00 PM

**Present:** Sandra Boelter, Patty Boles, Bernice Briggs, Wendy Curiel, Jennifer Fightlin, Ali Freedman, Mary Beth Hadaway, Alice Kennedy, Diana Macis, Michele Manley, Teresa Montes, Violeta Mora, Danny Ortiz, Twila Perucci, Anita Secor, Elaine Shelby, Marilyn Sproat, Debbie Stolz

### **MINUTES**

- I. Twila Perucci called the meeting to order. All in attendance made introductions.
- II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Twila Perucci was not present at the July 12, 2012 meeting, but was listed as being present. Michele Manley was present at the July 12, 2012 meeting and was not listed as being present. A motion to approve the correction/addition to the minutes was made and carried.
- III. Time Keeping: Twila Perucci advised attendees to inform the Committee Co-Chairs if you need to leave early but are on the agenda to speak; you will be moved up on the agenda.
- IV. Public Testimony – None

#### **Comprehensive Assessment/Stabilization Services – Ali Freedman**

- Thanks to Twila Perucci and Grossmont College for allowing Ali to participate in classes, it was a wonderful learning opportunity.
- New trilingual clinician has started, and another bilingual clinician will start next month.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual We Can't Wait Conference on children's mental health will be held on September 28 and 29 at Town & Country Hotel; this is a free event. Flyer distributed.

#### **Child Welfare Services Policy & Program Support Division – Wendy Curiel**

- Will present the System Improvement Plan at the September meeting.

#### **Polinsky Children's Center – Marilynn Sproat**

- 70 children at Polinsky.
- Assessment Center has increased its hours of operation.

#### **San Diego Office of Education – Violeta Mora**

- Back-to-School Shopping Event for foster youth age 11 and up: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 7:30 am, and Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm... Children must be present. Flyer distributed.
- Contract with Sea World is moving forward, and a camp might be held in October for grades 2-5 with very limited slots.
- Exploring career-focused programs for older youth.
- Zoo trips this year were very successful and will be held next year again.
- Education/Career Day is Friday, September 28, 2012 at SDSU. Looking forward to a good turnout.

#### **North County Foster Parent Association – Patty Boles**

- Very busy serving foster families. Nothing new to report.

**Loving Arms Foster Family Network – Elaine Shelby**

- Support Group meeting date/time: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Polinsky.

**Child Health Disability Prevention - Anita Secor**

- The nurses have provided over 4,000 updates to Health and Education Passports.
- Over 200 follow ups for medical needs have been followed to fruition.
- The Quality Improvement Project will continue throughout the year.

**Foster Care Education – Twila Perucci**

- The next issue of the pink training flyer for September/October will be out by end of August.

**Foster Home Licensing – Diana Macis**

- Follow up: A waiver allowing the military foster father to take online classes due to deployment has been approved.
- Working on the Annual Foster Family Picnic scheduled for September 30, 2012 at Admiral Baker.
- Orientation Power Point will be modified to include information on capacity limits for homes with special care needs children.

**HHSA & Child Welfare Services –Alice Kennedy**

- New class of 20 social workers starts Friday, August 10, 2012. More staff will be hired in the fall.
- Camp Connect was held August 2 through August 5. There were 94 siblings at Camp Julian, along with a host of volunteers. It was a great success!
- Channel 8 filmed a segment in advance of Camp Connect to help recruit volunteers. It received a great response, with multiple people volunteering as a result of the segment.
- Rivers of Hope Foundation invited a number of foster youth to attend a private training camp and receive autographs. Rivers of Hope Foundation continues to grow its partnership with our agency.

**Maxim Respite Care – Danny Ortiz**

- Respite program is going well, nothing new to update

**Roundtable –**

- **Teresa Montes - Child Welfare Services Mid-City Placement Specialist**
  - 16 kids at Polinsky of which there are 3 sets of 3 siblings.
  - Challenging to place sibling groups. Trying to use FFA homes.
  - Need recruitment of foster parents willing to foster large sibling groups.
- **Bernice Briggs – CWS North Central Supervisor**
  - Medically Fragile Unit is looking for foster parents who are interested in large sibling groups and special health care needs children

V. **NEXT MEETING: September 13, 2012** in Conference Room 1-A, 8965 Balboa Avenue

VI. **ADJOURNMENT: 1:00 pm**